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ABSTRACT

This biography for younger readers presents the life of Stokely Carmichael, who made famous the phrase "Black Power" as he fought for the rights of black people in the United States and who later settled in Africa, where he organizes young Africans to work for their rights. The book is introduced by an overview of the civil rights movement by Andrew Young and a timeline indicating major historical events from 1954 through 1968. Highlights of Carmichael's life include the following: (1) birth in Port of Spain (Trinidad) in 1941; (2) move to the United States in 1952; (3) membership in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) at Howard University in 1960; (4) directorship of SNCC in the second Congressional District in Mississippi in 1964; (5) election as chairman of SNCC in 1966; (6) coining of the slogan "Black Power" during the James Meredith march in Mississippi in 1966; (7) appointment as honorary prime minister of the Black Panther party in 1967; (8) founding of the All African Peoples Revolutionary Party (AAPRP), move to Guinea (Africa), and resignation from the Black Panthers in 1969; and (9) continued organizing for Pan-Africanism throughout the 1980s. The book includes a timetable of events in Carmichael's life, suggested reading, and a list of 31 sources. (AF)

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